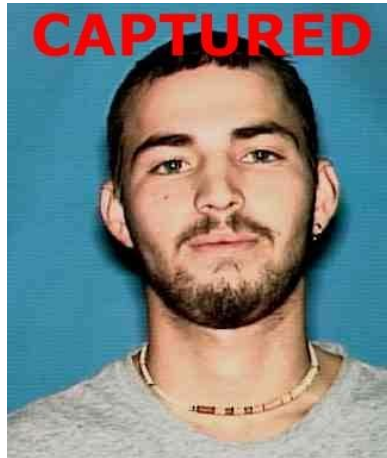




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NEWS RELEASE



## **Most Wanted Sex Offender from Waco area Captured in Wisconsin**

*Tip supplies information that leads to arrest*

AUSTIN – Cody James Guzman, one of the Texas 10 Most Wanted Sex Offenders, was arrested this morning in Wisconsin by the U.S. Marshals Service after a tipster provided information that led authorities to a mobile home in Rock County, Wisconsin. A \$3,000 cash reward will be paid to the anonymous tipster through Texas Crime Stoppers.

Armed with the tip, DPS Criminal Investigations Division Agents, DPS Intelligence & Counterterrorism Analysts and the Lone Star Fugitive Taskforce were able gather more information that ultimately led to Guzman's arrest by the U.S. Marshals Service Badgerland Fugitive Apprehension Squad. The U.S. Marshals Service is expected to file a federal charge for Flight to Avoid Prosecution.

Guzman, 26, was last seen in Moody, near Waco, and was added to the Sex Offender list in January 2012. He is wanted by the McLennan County and Coryell County Sheriff's offices for Failure to Comply with Sex Offender Registration Requirements. His criminal history includes convictions for Aggravated Sexual Assault, Indecency with a Child, Injury to a Child and Sexual Performance of a Child.

For more information, please see Guzman's wanted poster at:

<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/Texas10MostWanted/SexOffenderDetails.aspx?&fugitive=Cody%20James%20Guzman&id=95>.

Read about DPS online at [www.txdps.state.tx.us](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us)

Texas Crime Stoppers, which is funded by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division, offers cash rewards to any person who provides information that leads to the arrest of one of the Texas 10 Most Wanted fugitives or sex offenders.

Anyone with information can provide anonymous tips in four different ways:

- Call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-252-TIPS (8477).
- Text the letters DPS—followed by your tip—to 274637 (CRIMES) from your cell phone.
- Submit a web tip through the DPS website by selecting the fugitive you have information about, and then clicking on the link under their picture.
- Submit a Facebook tip at <http://www.facebook.com/texas10mostwanted> by clicking the “SUBMIT A TIP” link (under the “About” section).

**All calls, texts, e-mails and Facebook messages are anonymous.**

DPS investigators work with local law enforcement agencies to select fugitives for the Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitive and Sex Offender lists. You can find the current lists—with photos—on the DPS website at <http://www.dps.texas.gov/texas10mostwanted/>.

**Do not attempt to apprehend these fugitives yourself; they are considered armed and dangerous.**

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